

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

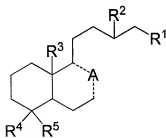
The claims in this listing will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-15 (Canceled)

Claim 16. (Currently Amended) An external preparation composition for skin, comprising:

(A) one, or two or more compounds represented by formula (1) below:



[[(1)] in formula (1), R^1 represents $-CH_2OH$ or $COOR^6$, R^6 represents hydrogen, a lower alkyl group having the number of carbon atoms of 1 to 3, or a cation capable of forming a salt with COO^- , each of R^2 to R^5 independently represents a hydrogen atom or methyl group, and $\cdots A \cdots$ represents $=C(CH_3)-$, $-C(CH_3)=$, $-C(=CH_2)-$, $-CH(CH_3)-$ or $-C(OH)(CH_3)-$; and

(B) one, or two or more medicinal ingredients selected from the group consisting of *Glycyrrhiza glabra* extract, *Coix lachryma-jobi* extract, blackcurrant fruit extract, *Inula britannica* extract, cranberry fruit extract, *Mucuna birdwoodiana* extract, cactus extract, *Momordica grosvenorii* extract, and astaxanthin and its derivatives.

Claims 17-18. (Canceled)

Claim 19. (Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in Claim 16, wherein said compound represented by formula (1) is a compound, or a compound prepared from said compound extracted from one, or two or more plants selected from the plant group consisting of ~~Cistaceae including~~ *Cistus ladaniferus* L., *Cistus creticus* L., *Cistus monoperiensis* ~~monspeliensis~~ L. and *Cistus salvifolius*.

Claim 20. (Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in Claim 16, ~~being blended with~~ formed from one, or two or more extracts, containing said compound represented by formula (1), selected from the plant group consisting of ~~Cistaceae including~~ *Cistus ladaniferus* L., *Cistus creticus* L., *Cistus monoperiensis* ~~monspeliensis~~ L. and *Cistus salvifolius*.

Claims 21-24 (Canceled)

Claim 25. (Currently Amended) A process for skin whitening, comprising applying an external preparation composition as set forth in claim 16 to the skin.

Claim 26. (Currently Amended) A process for skin anti-aging, comprising applying an external preparation compositions as set forth in claim 16 to the skin.